

To the Representatives of the House Committee on Health Care:

Please consider the following when evaluating HB 3063, regarding removing the ability of parents to exempt their children from recommended vaccines:

While this bill intends to protect children and the community, it is misguided and intrusive, taking away medical freedom and choices that should be made by parents for their child's individual health profile.

As you'll hear from many physicians, parents who decide to delay or skip vaccines are **not ignorant or negligent** – they are, in fact, usually the more informed and conscientious. And not just from internet searches (which shouldn't necessarily be discounted) – I have personally read more books, articles, and discussed vaccines with more physicians than most of my friends who are also parents.

Those of us who have made informed decisions on vaccines for our children are **so convicted in our choice**, that instead of forcing us to vaccinate (which is what seems to be the attempt by fast-tracking this bill, especially when the majority of Oregonians oppose it), you will be inciting us to move out of the state and/or homeschool our children.

Not only would that be discriminatory, it would cost the state in lost funding for our schools. Over 31,000 Oregon children currently have an exemption.

Perhaps instead of attempting to force parents to inject their children, we could explore unbiased and **proper research** on vaccines, **educate the public** on the data, and **trust** that not intruding on the health choices of Americans will serve us better in the long run.

Try to understand where parents are coming from. You may be scared of measles (in spite of high vaccination rates in Oregon), but there are hundreds of thousands of informed and intelligent parents who are NOT – they are more scared of the **proven corruption** in the pharmaceutical industry and CDC, the **proven injuries and death** that can occur from vaccines, the ties to the **abortion industry** that some of these vaccines entail, and the astounding rise of **failing health** of our children in this country.

We are all trying to protect our children – let's do it fairly, with information and freedom of choice.

Thank you,
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